MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : It is said that 4 appointments were made in 1104. It is also said that the Textile Expert did not make any appointment in 1104. I wish to know why he did not make any appointment when this power was vested in him ?

PRESIDENT : You are assuming too much. It was only towards the close of that year that he was invested with the power. Do you say there were appointments made after that ?

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know the number of appointments he made towards the close of the year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : He did not make any appointment.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I wish to know whether any appointment was made by any body towards the close of the year ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That is given in the answer to part (*b*).

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : It is said that four appointments were made.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Not by him.

Salaries of Headmaster and First Assistant of the Sri Mulam Technical School, Trivandrum.

181. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the salaries now (11-5-1105) paid to the Headmaster and the First Assistant of the Sri Mulam Technical Institute, Trivandrum ; and

(*b*) what is it that has made the Department pay a less salary to the Headmaster ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Headmaster gets a pay of Rs. 125 per mensem in the scale of Rs. 125-5-150. There are two Assistant Lecturers on Rs. 80-5-120 each. But at present one of the Assistant Lecturers gets Rs. 130 in the scale of Rs. 100-5-150, the same being personal to him.

(*b*) The sanctioned pay of the Headmaster is not less than the sanctioned pay of the Lecturers.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : It is said that one of the Assistant Lecturers is given Rs. 130 and that as personal to him. I wish to know the qualifications and the other merits of this Assistant and why this amount is paid to him as a special case ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Not as a special case. He was in another branch of the Industrial Department and was transferred from that branch to this Section. Therefore he is given the pay he was getting before.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Has he any special qualification ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

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MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I wish to know whether he has put in more years of service than the Head-master?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I wish to know whether it was communal representation that entitled him to this peculiar privilege?

PRESIDENT: I cannot allow that question. He has claimed notice.

Particulars re Anchal Peons.

182. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of peons engaged in the Anchal Department for the distribution of letters, money orders, etc.;

(*b*) the number engaged in the town and the number engaged in the villages;

(*c*) the average number of square miles in the villages which a peon has to perambulate to do his work; and

(*d*) the maximum and the minimum area in square miles which peons are travelling at present (11-5-1105)?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 592.

(*b*) 133 and 459 respectively.

(*c*) Nearly 14 square miles.

(*d*) $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles and $7\frac{3}{4}$ square miles respectively.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether efficient service can be done by a peon who has to travel $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles for doing his duty?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is the maximum that is given. It may not be that one peon will have to travel $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles in a day.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Even in the case of one peon he has to travel $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles and he is to discharge a certain amount of duty. Will that be satisfactorily done?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): One peon is not asked to do that work. Taking the whole area and the number of peons in the Department the maximum area will be thirty nine and one fourth square miles.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May be that he has got only one letter but then the person addressed may be a resident of a distant place.

PRESIDENT: What distance?

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): At a very great distance from the place where the Anchal office is situated.

PRESIDENT: What is that very great distance?

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Thirty-nine and one-fourth square miles.

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